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13	CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, a California not-	CASE NO. 157 680
15	for-profit religious corporation;	CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL'S SETTLEMENT
16	Plaintiffs,	CONFERENCE STATEMENT
17	vs.) GERALD ARMSTRONG; MICHAEL WALTON;)	
18	et al., Defendants.	DATE: September 19, 1994
19		TIME: 9:00 a.m. DEPT: 1
20	GERALD ARMSTRONG,	
21	Cross-Complainant,	TRIAL DATE: September 29,
22	VS.	
23	CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL, a California Corporation; DAVID MISCAVIGE;)))
25	DOES 1 to 100; Cross-Defendant.	
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INTRODUCTION

This is a corollary collection action to a breach of contract action brought by plaintiff Church of Scientology International ("the Church"). The breach of contract action was filed in Marin County on February 4, 1992. It was transferred to Los Angeles County on March 24, 1992. On May 28, 1992, the Los Angeles Superior Court entered a preliminary injunction prohibiting Armstrong from committing certain acts in violation of the Agreement. The injunction was upheld by the Court of Appeal on May 16, 1994. On September 1, 1994, the Los Angeles Superior Court entered an order transferring the case back to Marin Superior Court, so that the two actions could be consolidated and tried together [Exhibit A.]

This action cannot logically be settled independently of the first action, Church of Scientology International v. Armstrong, LASC No. BC 052395, Marin Number not yet assigned (hereinafter, "the Breach case"). The Breach case alleges claims against Armstrong and the Gerald Armstrong Corporation for breach of contract, seeking liquidated and compensatory damages, and a permanent injunction. This case seeks to invalidate transfers of assets made by Armstrong to Michael Walton, the Gerald Armstrong Corporation and others just prior to his long series of contract breaches. Before the Church can relinquish any of its claims to Armstrong's former property, the Church and Armstrong will need to resolve their underlying differences concerning the contract breaches.

The claims of the parties in these actions, and the current status of each, is set forth briefly below.

FACTS AND LEGAL ISSUES IN DISPUTE

A. The Breach of Contract Case

Armstrong and the Church entered into an agreement in 1986 ("the Agreement") which was intended to end a substantial period of litigation between them. [Ex. A to Exhibit B.] Armstrong received approximately \$800,000 as part of the settlement. The Agreement inter alia required Armstrong to maintain confidentiality concerning "his experiences with the Church of Scientology and any information he may have concerning the Church of Scientology, L. Ron Hubbard or any [related individual, or entities]." It also provided that breach of the confidentiality agreement would result in liquidated damages in the amount of \$50,000 per breach. In addition, the Armstrong agreed not to voluntarily aid persons or entities litigating or contemplating litigating against the Church or related entities.

Armstrong began breaching the Agreement by helping antiChurch litigants in early 1990. By February, 1992, when the
Breach case was originally filed, he was employed as a paralegal
for attorney Ford Greene, assisting him in litigating a case
brought against the Church and others by former parishioners
Vicki and Richard Aznaran. He had also provided declarations
describing his experiences in Scientology, in violation of the
Agreement, to the Aznarans and to another anti-Scientology
litigant, Joseph Yanny.

On March 5, 1992, the Church obtained a temporary restraining order from the Marin Court. Armstrong, a Marin resident, successfully persuaded the Court to transfer the case to Los Angeles. On May 28, 1994, the Los Angeles Court entered a

preliminary injunction, enjoining Armstrong from providing aid to litigants such as the Aznarans and Yanny. [Ex. C.] Armstrong appealed the injunction, arguing that the Agreement's provisions violated public policy and were not enforceable. The case was stayed pending Armstrong's appeal, which was denied by the Court of Appeal, Second District, Division Four on May 16, 1994. [Ex. D.]

While the case was stayed, however, Armstrong continued to breach the agreement. In fact, in June, 1992, Armstrong proclaimed,

I mean, I have, I have absolutely no intention of honoring that settlement agreement. I cannot. I cannot logically. I cannot ethically. I cannot morally. I cannot psychically. I cannot philosophically. I cannot spiritually. I cannot in any way. And it is firmly my intention not to honor it.

[Ex. E.] Armstrong was true to his intentions, providing interviews to the media, testifying as an "expert" witness on the subject of Scientology, and giving anti-Church litigants declarations, all in violation of the Agreement's specific terms. The Church filed a second breach complaint against him for these activities. The two cases were consolidated, and, on April 5, 1994, the charges were combined into a single, Second Amended Complaint. [Ex. B.]

Armstrong has admitted the conduct alleged, and acknowledged that he signed the Agreement after consulting with not one but three lawyers. However, he maintains that the Agreement is unenforceable and violates his First Amendment right to free speech. It is well-settled, however, that a party may legally contract to limit his speech. ITT Telecom Products Corp. v.

Dooley (1989) 214 Cal.App.3d 307, 319.

In total, the Church seeks liquidated damages of \$1,900,000 from Armstrong, along with compensatory damages for those violations which do not result in liquidated damages, and a permanent injunction enforcing all of the terms of the Agreement.

Armstrong filed a cross-complaint in the Breach case for abuse of process, breach of contact, and declaratory relief. On August 16, 1994, the Los Angeles Court granted the Church's motion for summary adjudication of the abuse of process and breach of contract claims. The remaining declaratory relief action seeks no damages, but merely asks for an adjudication of the parties' rights under the Agreement.

Discovery in the Breach case is ongoing. A motion for summary adjudication was filed by the Church and will be reset for hearing in Marin County as soon as the transfer is complete.

B. The Fraudulent Conveyance Case

The Church seeks to secure, pursuant to the Fraudulent Conveyance Act, Civil Code Section 3439 et seq., substantial assets which Armstrong admittedly conveyed to defendants Michael Walton and the Gerald Armstrong Corporation in August, 1990. The Church claims that it is entitled to recovery under either of two theories: Either Armstrong diverted his assets "[w]ith actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud" the Church's collections [Civ.Code §3439.04(a)], or Armstrong diverted his assets without receiving any "reasonably equivalent value in exchange for the transfer," and "intended to incur, or believed or reasonably should have believed that he would incur," debts to the Church which were "beyond his ability to pay as they became due."

[Civ.Code §3439.04(b)(2)].

At the same time that Armstrong was deciding to breach the Agreement, he knew that with each such breach, he incurred a debt to the Church pursuant to the Agreement's liquidated damages provision.

Before undertaking wholesale activities to aid other antiChurch litigants, speak to the media, and attempt to publish his
anti-Church sentiments (all breaches of the Agreement), Armstrong
took precautions. He has admitted that in August, 1990, he
transferred substantial assets to his friend, lawyer, and
roommate, Michael Walton, including a piece of real property,
valued at nearly \$400,000; shares of stock in the Gerald
Armstrong Corporation ("GAC"), which he valued at \$1,000,000; and
\$41,500 in cash. [Ex. E at pp. 542-543 and 545-546.] Armstrong
received no money or other consideration from Walton in exchange
for these assets. [Ex. E at pp. 267-268.] Armstrong continued
to live with Walton in the house which Armstrong had given to
Walton, his roommate. [Ex. F at p. 95.]

Armstrong has defended the fraudulent conveyance action by repeating that he should not be held liable for breaching the Agreement because the Agreement violated public policy. In addition, he claims that he cannot be held to have fraudulently conveyed his assets to others because he was ordered by God to give away his assets. He has filed a summary judgment motion concerning the complaint, which is presently set for hearing on September 9, 1994.

In addition, Armstrong filed a cross-complaint alleging abuse of process. Should the cross-complaint be tried, the

issues will be whether CSI abused process when non-party David Miscavige filed a declaration in another case, or by misusing discovery obtained in this action. The evidence to the contrary is conclusive. The Church has filed a motion for summary judgment demonstrating that the abuse of process claim is completely without merit. That, too, is set for hearing on September 9, 1994.

SETTLEMENT DISCUSSIONS

The Church has attempted settlement discussions with Armstrong, most recently in July, 1994. At that time, Armstrong was unwilling to agree to abide by the Settlement Agreement which he signed in 1986. He wanted the Church to repudiate the Agreement (but permit him to keep the \$800,000 which he received in settlement), and pay his attorney's fees. The parties were unable to reach an agreement at that time. The Church remains ready and willing to settle these cases.

Dated: September 2, 1994 Respectfully submitted,

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I am employed in the County of Los Angeles, State of California. I am over the age of eighteen (18) years and not a party to the within action. My business address is 6255 Sunset Boulevard, Suite 2000, Los Angeles, CA 90028.

On September 2, 1994, I served the foregoing document described as CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY INTERNATIONAL'S SETTLEMENT CONFERENCE STATEMENT on interested parties in this action,

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